



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Makoto SAITO

Serial Number: **09/476,334**

Filed: **January 3, 2000**

For: **DATA COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

SUBMISSION Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits, herewith, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form, along with this required Submission under 37 CFR §1.114. A two-month petition and fee for extension of time is concurrently submitted, extending the period for response to the previous Final Office Action dated December 31, 2001 to end on May 31, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the previous Final Office Action dated December 31, 2001 based upon the accompanying new arguments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

71. (Amended) A data copyright management method for managing the copyright of data comprising:
- encrypting unencrypted copyright data using a first secret-key;
 - supplying the encrypted data to a primary user;

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Examiner: **John Hayes**

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